

One of the strangest things about conversations involving guns in America, is how quickly America goes from being the most hopeful and almost impossible-chasing nation to a nation that just believes that nothing is possible suddenly. You know? Everything else America believes is possible. We are like, "Oh, we're going to go to the moon. We are going to go to Mars. Oh, we are going to cure cancer. Oh, it does not mean we cannot do it. We can do it. We are going to do it. We are going to do it. We are going to...." Then when it comes to guns, suddenly, so many people are like, "It's impossible to stop it. You just, you cannot... There is so many. Oh, what are you going to do?" And what really frustrates me is how people try and make it a game of whack-a-mole when it comes to solving problems. You know? You propose any type of solution and they go, "Well that wouldn't have solved this one. This wouldn't have stopped that." And you are like, "Yeah, but that's not how solutions work." There is no problem that is going to be solved by 1 solution. A lot of the time big problems require a multitude of solutions, and what you do is you try and fix it incrementally, step by step. Every day you think of a new thing. Look at cars, for instance Cars is a simple idea, right? When they started off it was like a bucket with wooden wheels. You just crashed and you died. That was it. And then over time people said, "Well, why don't we improve it? Why don't we say it has to have brakes."? We never thought of brakes. "Let us add that. Let us add brakes and let us add this, and let us add seat belts." We have gotten to the point where cars drive themselves now and still, we say, "We've got to write laws." We still say, "Let's make sure that the self-driving car adheres to certain standards, let's make sure..." It has not stopped. And yet, somehow with guns, it just stopped? It is such a strange argument for me. "Oh. But that wouldn't have fixed it." Yes. But if you see a loophole, why not fix it before it leads to a problem that it could have stopped? Do you know what I mean? They always say the same thing. "Oh, it's a slippery slope." "Which guns do you ban?" You know, like, "Which guns do you want to ban?" It is like, "We'll just start with the ones that people seem to be using over and over again to go into schools to kill a bunch of children at one time." "Oh. But that will not... What if they come with a...?" Yes. Then we will deal with that. It is a lot harder to commit these mass shootings when you do not have certain types of weapons. I just, I really do not understand it. People are like, "oh, it wouldn't fix it." Yes. Nothing fixes everything, but you got to start somewhere. They almost use the gym argument. That is what it is. You know, when you are trying to get in shape? This one go, "Why don't you work out?" "Nah, I'm just not going to change anything." "Nah, pushups, don't help." Yes, pushups on their own do not help and walking on its own does not help. Drinking more water on its own does not help. You combine these things, step by step, day by day. And then you wake up one day and you are like, "Well, wow. I look a little bit better than I did before. I feel a little bit better than I did before." It is not going to happen overnight. It is incremental. But it is interesting that it is the one area where so many people just want to throw their hands up. The same people, by the way, where when they first were told that this was an undocumented immigrant, they were quick. Yes, they suddenly, they were like, "Oh, we, we got to do something, we've got to shut down the borders. We must... Therefore, we need stricter..." And then they were like, "What? Oh no, it was, it was not? Look. This is not the time to politicize things." "We don't know what could have been done and there's nothing that could have been done and we got to realize that bad people are going to do bad things." Oh. But when you thought it was somebody who came across the border illegally, then you said there was something you could do. "Oh yes. Well, that, that, yes." And the saddest thing is it is a small group of people. Most Americans are on the same page. It is like a small group of people who have managed to shift the Overton window on the conversation around guns. Most gun owners are logical about this. Like real gun owners go to the range and they shoot. You should see how they respect weapons; you know? They will even be the ones who go like, "Yeah, maybe we get rid of some of these guns and maybe we change some of those laws and whatever." But then there is this small little group, this lobby, that manages to shift the entire conversation in the country. We cannot do it. It is just like, okay, I think that is the end. Okay. And it will keep happening until somebody makes a change. But the one thing I say is you must keep having hope. You keep having hope, you keep fighting, you keep pushing, you do not stop. You know? Like someone said to me recently about this conversation, he is like, "Why do we bother?" He is like, "Why do we keep having this conversation?" I was like, "Hey man, I don't know. Why did Martin Luther King, Jr. bother? Why did Nelson Mandela bother? Why did Mahatma Gandhi bother? Why did Harriet Tubman bother?" It is like, you must keep bothering. That is what hope is. Just wake up and you try again and you try again and you try again and you try again. And then one day you succeed or you die of old age. That is life. [The "Impossible" Conversation About Guns in America -Between the Scenes the Daily Show](#)